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1. The farmers of Angersdorf, Benkendorf, and Holleben near Halle/Saale have received orders to harvest all their crops, including sugar beets and potatoes, as of 15 September 1951. The fields are not to be recultivated. A total of approximately 500 workers from the Wismut AG have arrived in these three villages and have begun setting up barracks. Since late August, bulldozers have been terracing the fields. It is reported that about 14,000 workers are to be put to work on this project. Some of the population of these villages has already been notified to evacuate its homes for resettlement in the Magdeburg area. The farmers expect the resettlement operation to be carried out in October.
2. Since 9 September, loudspeakers in the Halle/Saale main railroad station broadcast the following instructions upon the arrival of every train: "Workers of the Holleben mining operation, report to the left exit gate."
3. Although there is talk among the Halle/Saale population of a large airfield to be built in the area, [] at four points, shafts have been dug, which have the usual characteristics of mine shafts. It is also reported that, in other areas in the vicinity of Halle/Saale, excavations and drillings for ore have taken place.

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